

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 11, 2007, has been received and reviewed. By the present Response and Amendment, claims 1-3, 5-13, and 15-18 remain pending in the present application. Independent claims 1 and 10 are currently amended. No new matter is introduced. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the amendments herein and the remarks below. All claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth below.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-13, and 15-18 Under 35 §103(a)

Claims 1-3, 5-13, and 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2004/0068653 of *Fascenda* in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0119482 of *Girard*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Nevertheless, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 10 to emphasize to the Examiner the features being claimed and to facilitate his understanding of the claimed invention.

The present invention is directed to a multiple subscription subscriber identity module (SIM) card for use with portable devices. The SIM card includes a subscription identity module (SIM) coupled to the card. The SIM has a plurality of sets of subscription parameters stored thereon. A single set of subscription parameters from among the plurality of sets of subscription parameters can be selected **by a user** through a software user interface and then activated. As described in the Applicant's specification on page 4, paragraph 13, the subscription parameters can identify the user, the user device and/or the market or region in which the device is used. One advantage of this approach is that the user controls which parameters are activated.

The *Fascenda* system relates to a Wi-Fi communications method and system that enables automatic network roaming without requiring any back-end authentication servers. A laptop computer listens for a "beacon frame" broadcast from a Wi-Fi access point. The beacon frame identifies the basic service set identifier (BSSID) of the access point. A token, or client key, installed on a USB flash drive stores a set of authentication parameters, or cryptographic keys, for each Wi-Fi network the client is permitted to access.

Each set of authentication parameters is associated with a particular BSSID. Thus, the laptop computer can identify and use the appropriate set of authentication parameters necessary to access the Wi-Fi network.

Applicant respectfully submits that *Fascenda* does not disclose teach or suggest at least the features of a SIM including a plurality of sets of subscription parameters and a software user interface for allowing a user to select which one of the plurality of sets of subscription parameters to activate, as claimed. In the Office Action of June 11, 2007, the Examiner agrees and cites *Girard* to cure *Fascenda*'s deficiencies. However, *Girard* too fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a SIM including a plurality of sets of subscription parameters and a software user interface for **allowing a user to select** which one of the plurality of sets of subscription parameters to activate. Rather, *Girard* teaches a system for making secure data exchanges between controllers. Nothing in *Girard*, including nothing in the passages cited by the Examiner, discloses, teaches or suggests a software user interface for allowing a user to select the parameters. By stark contrast, the system or "controller" (i.e., a mobile radio telephony terminal, which contains a controller) in *Girard* automatically selects the appropriate parameter. Simply stated, there is no mention in *Girard* of a user having the capability to select a parameter. For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

For at least the reasons that dependent claims 2-3, 5-9, 11-13, and 15-18 incorporate the limitations of independent claims 1 and 10, these dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for the corresponding independent claim. Thus, claims 2-3, 5-9, 11-13, and 15-18 are also allowable. Accordingly, allowance of claims 2-3, 5-9, 11-13, and 15-18 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection have been overcome and/or traversed. Applicant therefore respectfully solicits allowance of the application. Should there be any further questions or concerns, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned.

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